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## <u>Mayor Miro Weinberger Invites Department Heads and other Appointees to Reapply States Goal of Assembling Top-Notch Team Ready to Tackle Tough Challenges</u>

Burlington, VT – Mayor Miro Weinberger today invited all City department heads and other mayoral appointees to reapply for their appointments and share with him their priorities for the next year. At an all-department heads meeting this morning at City Hall, Weinberger provided each city official with a letter stating his goal of assembling a top-notch team ready to tackle the tough, but surmountable, challenges facing our City. In the letter, Weinberger requested that all directors state their intentions regarding continued City service no later than April 30, 2012.

## Weinberger's letter stated in its entirety:

"Thank you for your service to the City of Burlington. I decided to take on the challenge of leading this city based on my long-held commitment to public service. I value the role City employees play in making Burlington a strong, vibrant, and well-functioning place to live and work.

As you know first-hand, our city has its work cut out for it. However, as Burlington's new Mayor, I am filled with optimism. Burlington has a proud history of coming together and making steady, sometimes spectacular progress, even in the face of daunting challenges. My goal is to make Burlington a more affordable and safer place to live and raise a family, a more attractive place to do business, and a more desirable place to visit. As Mayor, I am eager to begin the hard work of giving Burlington the fresh start it wants and deserves.

As we begin this next chapter in our city's history, I want to assemble the strongest team possible to carry out my vision and to tackle the tough challenges ahead. I am looking to build a collaborative, competent, dedicated, and highly-energized team.

If you are committed to joining me in this effort, please indicate your interest in serving another term by emailing me (<a href="mayor@burlingtonvt.gov">mayor@burlingtonvt.gov</a>) the following documents no later than April 30, 2012:

- A 2 to 3-page cover letter, detailing your goals, challenges, proposed solutions, and vision for your department during the next year
- A copy of your resume

These materials will help me evaluate your applications for reappointment.

Please don't hesitate to call me directly or stop by my office with any questions. My door is always open. Thank you for your careful attention to this process."

Most city appointments\* extend for a term of one year, ending on June 30. Two exceptions to this rule include the Human Resources Director and the City Assessor appointments, which extend for a term of two years, through June 30, 2013. The city officials serving in those positions received similar letters asking them to share their goals, challenges, proposed solutions, and vision for their departments.

\*For a complete listing of City Officials appointed by the Mayor, please see attached page from the City of Burlington Annual Financial Report, year ended June 30, 2011.

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